Energy recovery from Urban, Municipal and Industrial Wastes, offering fiscal and financial incentives, has been launched in June 1995, aiming to tap the potential for power generation from these wastes in the country. Project proposals have been solicited/invited from all concerned including Urban Local Bodies, through advertisements, seminars, workshops, interactive/business meets and personal discussions.

Scheme of MCI to open New Medical Colleges

513. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Medical Council of India have notified any scheme in the recent past for opening new medical colleges in various States of the Country; and

(b) if so, the details of medical colleges to be set up and the funds allocated for each college and the time-schedule laid down by the Government for their completion?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The scheme notified by the Medical Council of India contains eligibility criteria, forms and procedures including project cost, means of financing, revenue assumptions etc. and application fee and registration procedure. A period of one year has been prescribed under the Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Act, 1993 for processing of application for setting up of a medical college.

Exorbitant rates of food supplied in running trains

514. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that food is provided in trains at exorbitant rates;

(b) whether Government propose to supply food-items at a subsidised rate; and

(c) whether Government are aware that the common Second Class passengers are paying high fare to compensate the free passengers in the Ist Class and AC Class trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) Food in the trains is provided as per tarrif prescribed by the Railways.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. In fact Railways are incurring heavy losses in Second Class ordinary service.

Construction of Rail Lines in Maharashtra

515. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has submitted a proposal for construction of new railway line including the Solapur-Beed-Aurangabad, Pandharpur-Lonand, Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli and Kolhapur-Ratnagiri;

(b) if so, whether survey and alignment work in respect thereof has been done; if so, to what extent;

(c) what is the estimated cost of each of these projects; and

(d) by when the work thereon is likely to be taken in hand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The survey for only Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli Vaijnath new line has been conducted and the work has been included in the Budget for 1995-96. Actual construction of this line will be

taken up once the necessary approvals have been received.

(c) The estimated cost is as under:—

(i) Solapur-Beed-Aurangabad (300 kms.) Rs. 400 crores
(ii) Pandharpur-Lonand (150 kms) Rs. 250 crores
(iii) Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli Vaijnath (275 khs.) Rs. 353 crores
(iv) Kolhapur-Ratnagiri (115 kms.) Rs. 200 crores

(d) The suggested lines viz. Solapur-Beed-Aurangabad, Pandharpur-Lonand and Kolhapur-Ratnagiri, will each cost Rs. 200 crores or more. Railways are facing an acute resource crunch and have on hand a large shelf of new rail line projects, requiring Rs. 5,000 crores for their completion, while the funds made available by the Planning Commission are of the order of Rs. 200 crores per annum. In view of this, it would be difficult to consider construction of other suggested lines, till the resource position improves and some of the ongoing works get completed.

Facilities in Unani and Homoeopathy systems of medicines in CGHS

516. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the C.G.H.S. dispensaries in Delhi where clinical investigation facilities and services for Unani and Homoeopathy systems of medicines are not available; and

(b) what are the reasons that even in dispensaries like Telegraph Lane, where sufficient space is available, these facilities have not been made available?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) There is no separate arrangement for clinical investigation facilities and services for Unani and Homoeopathic systems of medicine. For investigation purposes, they are attached with those Allopathic dispensaries which have got pathological laboratories for clinical investigations.

(b) No such proposal has been included in the plan budget of CGHS. However, the beneficiaries of Telegraph Lane dispensary are attached with CGHS Dispensary at Zakir Hussain Road for clinical investigations.

White Paper on Government policy pertaining to public sector

517. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether economic experts and other renowned intellectual persons have urged upon Government that a white-paper should be published on Government policy pertaining to industries running under public sector;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA) (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Some economists have suggested that the Government should come forward with a White Paper on policy and performance on the public sector. However, in view of the fact that the Statement on Industrial Policy of 24th July, 1991 also covers the public sector undertakings the Govt. does not propose to bring out a 'White Paper' on the status of the public sector undertakings.